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TO: Brig. General John Magruder
William L. Langer

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FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Meeting of Joint Intelligence Study
Publishing Board June 2 in the
Pentagon Building.

Present: Colonel Evans, G-2
Major Kountz, G-2
Lt. Colonel Cutts, DNI
Lt. Colonel Sturtevant, DNI
Commander Moore, DNI
[REDACTED] OSS

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Colonel Evans, in speaking for Colonel Braton, indicated that the Army did not look favorably upon the two proposals submitted by the Navy Department for this Committee. The two proposals were:

1. That the Navy should have four representatives, these four being the senior officers in the P-3 Section; and
2. That the P-3 Section should form the nucleus of the JISPB.

In connection with 2. above, the Navy further planned that the JISPB would have desks for the members from G-2 and OSS in the L Building, where the P-3 Section is now located.

Colonel Evans stated that it was the understanding of General Strong and of the original group (which brought about the formation of the JISPB) that the Board was to be located on neutral ground and that there was to be only one representative from each of the three agencies. Commander Moore therefore was instructed to see Admiral Train and have Admiral Train straighten the matter out with General Strong. Major Kountz was also instructed to contact General Strong through channels and determine whether the understandings as presented by Colonel Evans were correct. Major Kountz has since informed me that

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the understanding which was presented at this meeting was correct and that Admiral Train and General Strong have agreed upon the two points, that there should be only one Naval representative and that the Board should be located on neutral ground and not use the P-3 Section as a nucleus. The P-3 Section therefore is to continue as a portion of Naval Intelligence and will be an office which works for the JISPB rather than being a part of it.

With respect to location of the Board offices, I made the suggestion that inasmuch as the Army did not consider L Building as neutral ground, we therefore might not consider anything as neutral ground other than the Joint Chiefs of Staff Building. Colonel Evans mentioned that overtures had already been made for securing space and that it was understood that we would have space for about ten people in the JCS Building. In addition to the point of neutral location, I further indicated that I felt it advisable for us to be in the JCS Building to be physically near much of our authority for directives on individual studies.

Major Kountz and I both desire very greatly that Colonel Cutts can continue as the Navy representative on the Committee because of his longer experience, numerous ideas and great drive. This seems impossible as Cutts is to be sent out of Washington in a relatively short time. As soon as the one Navy representative has been appointed, we need to meet to make out our directive for general and specific authority with regard to the studies. We expect to receive a priority list of studies from the JCS very shortly.

I have just learned that Commander Bailey is the Navy's appointed man for the Board. The Board will meet this afternoon after which I will file another report to both of you.